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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SZEKER TO U.S.

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1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANDREWS-MCAULIFFE FEBRUARY 20 TELECON (1800 BUDAPEST TIME), EMBASSY TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY AND WITH LOWER RANKING OFFICIALS WHO HANDLE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

2. HAVING FAILED IN THAT ENDEAVOR, EMBASSY DELIVERED TO FONOFF THAT SAME EVENING PERSONAL NOTE FROM MCAULIFFE TO NAGY WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE JUST INFORMED ME BY TELEPHONE A FEW MOMENTS AGO THAT, ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON, THEY HAVE PROPOSED TO YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GYULA SZEKER PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON MAY 4, 1976 - MAY 6, 1976. IT IS HOPED THAT THE SUGGESTED DATES WILL MEET WITH DR. SZEKER'S APPROVAL.

RECALLING OUR CONVERSATIONS ON JANUARY 27 AND FEBRUARY 5, I TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO PASS ON THIS WELCOME INFORMATION AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THIS SAME GOOD NEWS FROM THE HUNGARIAN
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EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, IN WHICH CASE THIS LITTLE

NOTE IS CONFIRMATORY BUT REDUNDANT.

I WAS TOLD THAT JUST AS SOON AS THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE RECEIVES AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THIS
OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON,
THEY ARE READY TO BEGIN THE NECESSARY PLANNING AND
PROGRAMMING TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. UNQUOTE.

3. IN COMPLIANCE PARA 3 REFTTEL, EMBASSY WILL NOW URGE
THAT GOH PROVIDE RESPONSE TO SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S
INVITATION AT AN EARLY DATE THROUGH HUNGARIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON AND INQUIRE ABOUT NON-WASHINGTON PORTION OF
VISIT.

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